



STATE OF IDAHO

DEPARTMENT OF
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

1410 North Hilton, Boise, ID 83706-1255, (208) 373-0502

C.L. "Butch" Otter, Governor
Toni Hardesty, Director

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD AND OPPORTUNITY FOR A PUBLIC
HEARING REGARDING AN APPLICATION FOR A TIER I OPERATING PERMIT
AND A FACILITY-WIDE TIER II OPERATING PERMIT AND PERMIT TO
CONSTRUCT**

PROPOSED ACTION: In accordance with IDAPA 58.01.01.364 and 404.02, the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) announces a public comment period and an opportunity for a public hearing for Basic American Foods, a Division of Basic American, Inc., located at 40 East 7th North, Rexburg, Idaho, under docket No. AQ-0812. DEQ proposes to concurrently issue facility-wide Tier II Operating Permit and Permit to Construct (T2) No. T2-030515 and Tier I Operating Permit (T1) No. T1-2008.0053. The T2 permit establishes permit conditions for the facility. The T1 permit incorporates those permit conditions through a significant permit modification. DEQ has determined that operation according to the proposed permit conditions will not cause or contribute to violation of any ambient air quality standard and will not injure or unreasonably affect human or animal life or vegetation. DEQ has reviewed the application materials and completed an analysis of the information submitted by the applicant to operate the existing dehydrated food product and animal feed facility. Based on this analysis, DEQ also proposes to issue the T2 permit and the T1 permit to Basic American Foods.

PUBLIC HEARING OPPORTUNITY: An opportunity for a public hearing for interested persons to appear and submit written or oral comments may be provided if written requests are submitted to the undersigned on or before May 12, 2008. Hearing requests should include a brief statement explaining why a public hearing on the air quality aspects of the project would be beneficial.

The selected meeting site will be accessible to the physically disabled. Interpreters can be provided upon five days notice for persons with hearing impairments. For arrangements, contact the undersigned at (208) 373-0234. Braille or taped transcripts can be provided after the meeting for persons with visual impairments.

AVAILABILITY OF MATERIALS: The application materials, the proposed permits and Statements of Basis are available for public review on DEQ's website at <http://www.deq.idaho.gov>.

**SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN COMMENTS, ASSISTANCE ON TECHNICAL
QUESTIONS:** Anyone may submit written comment regarding the project and proposed action. To be most effective, comments should address air quality considerations and include support materials where available. Comments, requests, and questions regarding the public comment process should be directed to Shelley Lundstedt, Department of Environmental Quality, 1410 N. Hilton, Boise, ID 83706-1255, shelley.lundstedt@deq.idaho.gov, or (208) 373-0234. Please

reference the company name and docket number when sending comments or requesting information. All information regarding this matter, current and future, including the issuance of the final permits and Statements of Basis will be available on DEQ's website. You may elect to sign on to DEQ's list serve and receive electronic information automatically at <http://www.deq.idaho.gov>.

For technical assistance on questions concerning this project or the permitting process, please contact Zach Klotovich at (208) 373-0502 or zach.klotovich@deq.idaho.gov.

All written comments concerning this proposal must be directed to and received by the undersigned on or before 5:00 p.m. MST/MDT, May 26, 2008.

DATED this 24th day of April, 2008.

Shelley Lundstedt
Air Quality Division